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Welcome

A big welcome to any new girls who have joined recently. It's great to see a few familiar faces making a return to the Club. We hope you all have a happy and successful year.

Teachers' Report

All girls are very keen and are working extremely well. Let's keep up the enthusiasm and look forward to exciting times ahead. During the course of the year votes are given each week by all coaches in the sub-junior, junior and intermediate sections. The votes are then tallied at the end of the year and an award is given: 'The Jean Nash Award''. The votes are given based on the following:

Consistency over the whole year
Interaction with all team members
Relationship with coaches (eg, listening well, taking corrections well)
Work, performance and effort in all items for the whole of class time
Overall behaviour
Attendance

This award is given to any member of each section regardless of the team they are in - it is not ability-based.

Call for new members

Although numbers are quite promising for this time of year, we would love to welcome more girls to the Club. We have some wonderfully talented and enthusiastic teachers and all girls make rapid and remarkable progress in this innovative environment. Please speak to family members, school contacts and friends about our Club.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our 3 State Team Representatives

Bronwyn Moore - Juniors Elisha Sweeten - Inters Alicia Swiers - Inters

We wish them the very best of luck for the National Titles in July. We are all very proud of you.

Congratulations also to Maree Brusaschi - our principle coach - who celebrated her 50th birthday this week - we hope you have a great time with you friends and family (oh to look that good at 50!!!).

Costume Hire

Unfortunately we have to enforce some strict new guidelines regarding costume hire, as over the last couple of years costume pieces have been taken and never returned, due to the fact that they were never written in the appropriate book. From now on, there weill only be two times available for costume hire -

Saturday after subbies class - see Maree only Wednesday nights - 4pm to 7pm - see Debbie O'Shannessy only

Club members will be asked to pay \$1 per item hired. Those outside the Club will be asked to pay a deposit on hiring and the cost per costume will be \$10.

There will be no exceptions to these new guidelines!!!

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but the substantial loss, both in costumes and revenue, now means we must enforce much stricter guidelines.

First Term Fees

We are making a special plea for the early payment of first term fees, due to the fact that \$2500 must be paid to the C.V.I. for girls' registration by the end of March. Any girls playing their full first term fees by the end of March will have their name entered into a special prize draw. We understand it is not possible for all girls to pay the full amount by then, but we must have at least the \$25 registration fee by the end of March. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Naming of belongings

A BIG request from all coaches - for all girls to have their names on their rods, rod covers, clubs (initials on the ball end) and club bags. It is impossible to keep track of each girl's apparatus, especially in the younger groups and can be quite time consuming.

Camp

Once again we will be going to Camp Wilkin, Angelsea, on May 12, 13 and 14. Subbies will attend from early Saturday morning (13th) until Sunday afternoon (price yet to be decided)

Juniors and Inters will attend from Friday night (12th) until Sunday afternoon (about \$65). It is anticipated that TInies will come down on Sunday for the day.

Holidays

It is most important that you let your duty Mum know ASAP if you anticipate being away during the September school holidays, as we need to finalize what competitions we will be attending. It is pointless to enter teams in competitions if a number of girls are going to be absent.

Sub-Juniors Mum's meeting

A special meeting will be held with Maree after class on February 26th at 12.30pm. This is to answer any questions you may have regarding the Club and the year ahead. It's also a great time to get to know the other Mums. Other sections will be meeting at a later date.

Working Bee

Saturday 16 February at 1.30pm in Mums' room to remove old carpet and replace with new. Everything has to be taken out of room. **A few male helpers would be much appreciated**.

Geelong Competitions

- will be held on September 8-10.

DIARY - see diary